Import of Chikory Seeds from Brazil

4985. DR. K.D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chikory Seeds were imported from Brazil last year;

(b) if so, the quantity of such seeds imported;

(c) whether the Government propose to import the same during the current year also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Government imported 60 quintals of Rexor variety of Chikory Seed from Holland through National Seeds Corporation, during 1990-91.

(c) and (d). Government propose to import approximately 3200 kgs. of Rexor variety from Holland and 225 kgs. of Orchies variety from France, during 1991-92, through National Seeds Corporation Limited.

Dhansiri and Champawati Irrigation Projects in Assam

4986. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the Dhansiri and Champawati Irrigation Projects in Assam;

(b) the amount earmarked for those Projects during 1991-92; and

(c) the time by which those are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Dhansiri Irrigation Project was approved by the Planning Commission in June, 1975 at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.83 crores. The latest estimated cost of the project is assessed to be about Rs. 92 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 66 crores has been incurred upto end of VII Plan and the anticipated expenditure during 1990-91 is Rs. 8 crores. No irrigation benefit is made available from the project.

The Champavati Irrigation Project was approved by the Planning Commission in July, 1980 at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.32 crores. The latest estimated cost of the project is assessed to be about Rs. 47.5 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 17.47 crores has been incurred upto and of VII Plan and the anticipated expenditure during 1990-91 is Rs. 3 crores. No Irrigation benefit is made available from the project.

(b) The Working Group of the Planning Commission has recommended Rs. 12.80 crores for Dhansiri and Rs. 11.00 crores for Champamati irrigation Projects during the year 1991-92.

(c) Both the projects care scheduled for completion during VIII Plan.

[Translation]

Smuggling of Cows from Jammu

4987. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of smuggling of cows from Jammu to neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?